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Citizens can now directly approach National Green Tribunal if complaints regarding lakes go unheard, unattended or unresolved at civic body level

A LOT LAKE LOVE

Joint committee with KSPCB as nodal agency for coordination, compliance

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Going by the directive of the National Green Tribunal's (NGT) principal bench to the authorities concerned, lake activists and citizens need not give up their efforts to make Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) lakes department discharge official duties.

They can now approach the NGT for a suitable direction to the authorities concerned.

NGT's principal bench directed the authorities, including the BBMP, Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner, State Wetland Authority and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to constitute a joint committee to have a factual and action taken report, after taking cognisance of a petition filed by Vilasini Ramkumar and others.

The petition was filed against the failure of the authorities concerned to prevent encroachment of the Kembattahalli Lake wetland by some people who wanted to convert the wetland into a burial ground.

"The NGT principal bench registered a suo moto case, based on e-mails sent to it while also sending the same to the BBMP and other authorities. I complained to the BBMP lakes department several times but no action was taken to

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Developmental works at Kembattahalli Lake are in progress after NGT principal bench's directive

> "I complained to BBMP lakes department several times but no action was taken to prevent encroachment of lake's wetland
> — Vilasini Ramkumar

Dengue Control

585 positive cases in BBMP limits, 2,427 cases in 30 districts; no deaths

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During the monsoon season, there is always an uptick in the number of dengue cases. Likewise, this year as well, many districts across Karnataka have reported dengue cases. However, there have been zero deaths reported so far.

According to the health and family welfare department, from January to July this year, there have been 2,427 dengue positive cases in the 30 districts. In BBMP limits, 585 positive cases have been reported so far.

The highest number of positive cases is seen in BBMP, followed by Udupi with 328 positive cases, Mysuru with 296 positive cases, Shivamogga with 144 cases and Chitradurga with 136 dengue positives.

Though the suspected cases reported were 33,372 in the state, only 2,427 were positive. The data of the reports were collected from district vector-borne disease control (DVBDC) in various districts.

On Friday alone, over 25 positive cases were reported in districts such as Bagalkot, Dharwad, Chamarajanagar, Bidar, Ballari and Mandya.

During the monsoon, cases have seen a spike. However, health professionals stated the cases haven't gotten severe where dengue deaths have occurred.

"At present, we are seeing a surge in dengue cases. The rise in number can be attributed to the recent change in climate and rainfall. Every day we are seeing 10-15 people coming to our OPD out of which 3-4 patients require admission.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Fest it up!

A three-day inter-collegiate fest, Samskruthi 2022, jointly organised by BMS College of Commerce and Management, VV Puram and BMS Evening College of Arts and Commerce Basavanagudi was inaugurated on Friday by Spoorthi Vishwas (south Indian actress and social media influencer) and Chaithra Vasudevan (anchor and Actress). The inauguration was presided over by Aviram Sharma (Chairman BMS College of Commerce and Management) and Rahul Arora (Associate Vice-President, Times of India, South Region) and Prof Pankaj Choudhary, Principal of the college were the chief guests. The college is organising 26 different events with more than 2,000 students having registered from different colleges across the country. Raghu Dixit will perform live on July 10. **When: Till July 10**

02 Fun puns

Tickle your funny bone with friends & family at the Fox in the Field this Sunday for an unforgettable evening. With over 700 performances up his sleeves in the past nine years, Hyderabad-based stand-up comedian, writer, and improv artist RajaSekhar Mamidanna is all set to make you laugh till the tears roll down with his hilarious anecdotes from life.
When: July 10, 7:30 PM
Tickets on: https://bit.ly/3a2LSUY

03 Shoppers, listen up!

Hi Life Exhibition, one of the most exciting and exclusive fashion exhibitions of India with exclusive designs of haute couture, personal style, home décor and luxury products, is back in the city. The top renowned designers from across India will be showcasing some of their best designer works of art, from wedding ensembles, designer apparels and jewellery to fashion accessories, home accessories to furnishing concepts to new-age art.
Where: The Lalit Ashok, Seshadripuram
When: Till July 11, 10 am – 8pm

B'luru's beacon of hope for visually challenged

NM Pushpa Preeya finds space among 73 people from different countries on website documenting lives of people who have contributed to society

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For the differently abled, Pushpa is a superwoman who has motivated them to beat the odds

Hers is a story of resilience, endurance, fighting against the odds, and lastly, hope, now chronicled in the virtual world. NM Pushpa Preeya, a scribe for the differently abled, a social activist, TEDx speaker, is one of 73 people from different parts of the world who have been featured on Living Virtuously, a website that documents the lives of people who have contributed to society.

The portal seeks to improve emotional well-being and inspire people by featuring real-life stories of individuals who strive to make the world a better place. Pushpa is one such person whose story is one of positivity and hope. Like many others, Pushpa -- who hails from Doddaballapura and now resides in Bengaluru -- said she had struggled a lot during her childhood and school days due to poverty. In 2007, she began working as a scribe for visually challenged people and would also write exams for the differently abled.

Recognition came her way when in March 2019, she was felicitated with the Nari Shakti Puraskar by President Ram Nath Kovind, for her service to differently abled citizens.

"I like to work for people from poor families because I come from the same background," she says. "Samarthanam Trust contacted me to work as a scribe for Hema, a visually challenged PU student. It was very tough to work as a scribe for Hema. Initially, I had to put a lot of effort into writing exams for visually challenged people. However, their success in the exams made me happy. I have worked as a scribe for more than 1,000 visually challenged and differently abled people," she adds with a smile, saying that she wrote four exams for two students during the Covid pandemic by taking all precautions.

Pushpa, who works at a software company, spends her weekends educating children at slums in Banaswadi, Hebbal, Nagawara, and Whitefield. "I spent three hours at slums during the weekends to educate children. I also visit BR Hills to help tribal people," she said.

In March 2019, Pushpa was awarded the Nari Shakti Puraskar by President Ram Nath Kovind

She said that she has to be grateful to her colleagues who encourage her. "I am grateful to Sharat Satyanarayana, Chief Executive Officer of Eder Labs R&D Pvt Ltd for giving me a job. He is my mentor and guide and he also encourages me to do social service," she said. She said that would love to work for visually challenged people. "I love cows too. The dairy farm will help provide jobs for the visually challenged," she said.

"I am very happy to be featured on Living Virtuously along with 72 others whose real-life stories are interesting and inspirational."

Need a Covid test? Just DIY, folks!

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If covid cases are on the rise, self-test kit sales are invariably going to go up too. The sudden surge in covid-19 cases and the increase in incidents of flu cases has prompted many to buy these kits in bulk and pharmacies are running out of stock.

Affordability and convenience are other factors. The self-test covid kits which are priced between just Rs 250-350 are cheaper than an RT-PCR test. The self-testing Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) can just be bought and also gives immediate results.

Some of the pharmacies saw increase in demand for the kits in the last two weeks. "For us to order the kits from manufacturer is taking some time as there is heavy demand," said Suresh H, pharmacist at the Divine Pharma in Jayamahal.

A 40-year-old writer Nikhil (name changed) who lives in Electronics City, had symptoms of sore throat, fever and cough in the last three days. He then went searching for self-test kits and couldn't find them in many pharmacies. "I visited more than seven pharmacies in the area; all of them said that they were out of stock; finally, I got it at the Apollo Pharmacy."

Nikhil tested covid positive with the self-test kit and was in home-isolation. However, his symptoms have been mild.

Another pharmacist in Basvangudi pointed out that many of the companies who have asked their employees to come back to work have asked for testing results. This could as well be the reason why many are buying it. "Many software company employees are asking for self-test kits. Those even with slightest symptoms will have to do a test and go back to offices. The kits are easy to use and the result is shown within 15 minutes, which makes it efficient for usage."

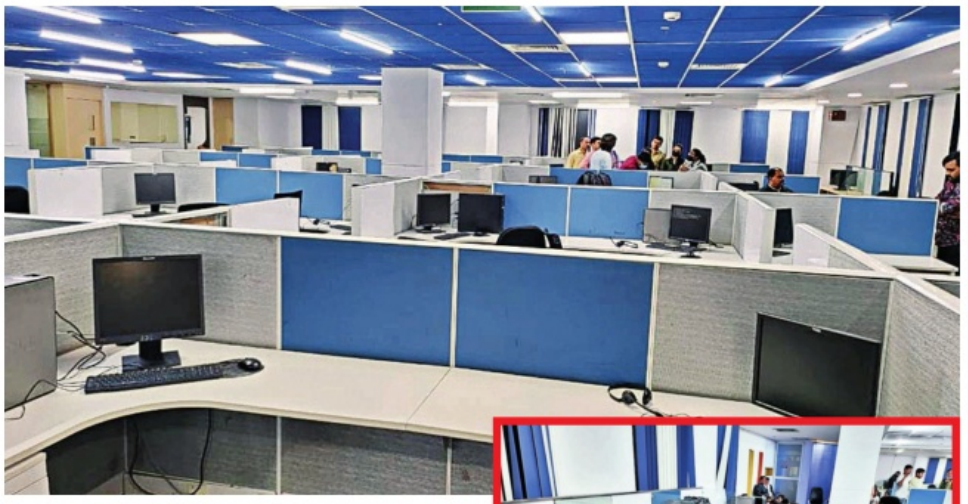
Self-test covid kits are affordable than RT-PCR tests and easy to use

Madhu Medicals in Pulakeshi Nagar stated that they are have ordered for more stock as many people have been coming in asking for kits.

"Now we see people have started coming in. Many don't like waiting in the government centres for long hours as there is rush and in private hospitals, they have to pay higher," said the shopkeeper.

City cops bust 2 'IT firm' cyber fraud syndicates

Gullible people from US were tricked into giving out social security numbers and bank information



The first level of young employees were trained to work as telecallers

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Situated at a posh industrial tech hub in Bengaluru, supposed 'employees' of Ethical Infotech Private Limited and Gayatri Tech Park in Whitefield have been cheating gullible customers in the United States. They were doing so by getting access to their social security numbers, bank credentials, and other details.

In a joint operation by the Whitefield and Mahadevapura police, around 72 telecallers, including 11 trainers, were arrested, and over 138 computers were seized on Thursday in an overnight raid. The Whitefield Division Police reportedly received a tip-off about this organised syndicate operating over the past nine months.

"The employees were from Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, and nearby places, while the 'trainers' hailed from Ahmedabad in Gujarat," S Girish, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Whitefield, said.

This is the first time in Karnataka for an organised fake-caller cyber fraud syndicate to be busted. On June 4, the Delhi police had busted a similar racket, the officer added.

The police could not hold many employees from Ethical Infotech Private Limited as it was closed on Thursday, while the Gayatri Tech Park in Whitefield was buzzing with activity at night when police came knocking.

"They worked only at night to speak to customers in the US as it is daytime for them, and during the day here in Bengaluru, the two firms remained shut," the investigating officer said.

"All the employees who were selected for the training were offered accommodation, transport, and food. The trainers had rented out two-bedroom apartments in the vicinity, and four employees would stay at each apartment.

Buses painted yellow with fake registration numbers and school names were used to ferry these employees, Girish told Bangalore Mirror.

"The employees were paid in cash with the 'hawala money' the trainers received from their counterparts in the United States," the officer added.

A starting telecaller would be paid a salary of around Rs 30,000 per month onwards, with the trainers getting between Rs 5-10 lakh monthly. They trained their employees using a scripted tactic while on call with customers in the US.

They also targeted people in Hongkong and Singapore, another senior police officer said.

Preliminary investigation revealed that their modus operandi involved sending messages to potential targets through texts and voicemails, stating that a fraudulent/suspicious transaction had been spotted on their account. They would then pretend to call on behalf of the bank or some organisation. They would ask the frightened people to give them their social security numbers and other details, siphoning off their money through various means. They took their money via untraceable money transfer apps, and their counterparts in the US would send a part of that money to India.

The employees also adopted blackmailing tactics to scare their victims after getting access to their bank details, saying they would be harmed if they do not pay up.

Additionally, gullible customers got pop-up windows on their phones claiming that their devices were at threat. When they clicked on those, their contact numbers were redirected to these 'employees'.

"There is a first level of young employees who are trained as telecallers. The second level employees are the 'bankers' or 'resolving team'. They would get in touch with customers and get their details. The third level are the seniors, inclusive of trainers, who would then deal with the customers and siphon money from them," Girish informed.

After the raids, the Whitefield CEN police station registered two cases under sections 66-C and 66-D of the Information Technology Act, Section 419 of the IPC for impersonation, and 420 for cheating.

The Whitefield Division police have formed special teams to trace and nab the absconding employees of Ethical Infotech.

Policemen in dock for refusing to register FIR

Police Inspector of Kalasipalya police station along with his subordinate, a police sub-inspector, were suspended on Friday after they refused to register an FIR. A businessman approached them with a complaint stating that a few goons had been harassing him and trying to extort him. He said their leader was 'Bombay Saleem', who is a prisoner lodged in Dharwad jail.

A departmental inquiry has been initiated against the police inspector and sub-inspector to find out whether they had taken money from the accused goons for not registering a case and letting them go scot-free.

According to police, Muiz Khan, a businessman and realtor on Siddaiah Road, had approached Chetan Kumar and informed him that he was threatened with dire consequences over a real estate property that was being eyed by his business rival.

In the month of June, a few rowdy elements who claimed to be associates of Bombay Saleem came and threatened Muiz, demanding money from him.

In one instance, even Saleem had called his phone from inside his prison cell.

Chetan and Prasanna registered a Non-Cognizable-Report (NCR) and shelved the case instead of filing an FIR for extortion.

Muiz then approached DGP Alok Mohan, who heads the Prison Department, with a petition stating that he has been receiving threat calls from a prisoner 'Bombay Saleem' lodged in Dharwad Prison.

Mohan forwarded the petition to the City Police Commissioner CH Pratap Reddy who directed the Central Crime Branch (CCB) to conduct an inquiry.

The CCB found that Muiz's complaint was genuine.

The CCB then registered a case with the Kalasipalya police and arrested Saleem's four associates. Saleem has now been taken into police custody for interrogation regarding the businessman's extortion.

The CCB submitted the report of their inquiry to Reddy who suspended both Chetan and Prasanna for dereliction of duties and not taking legal action against the goons.

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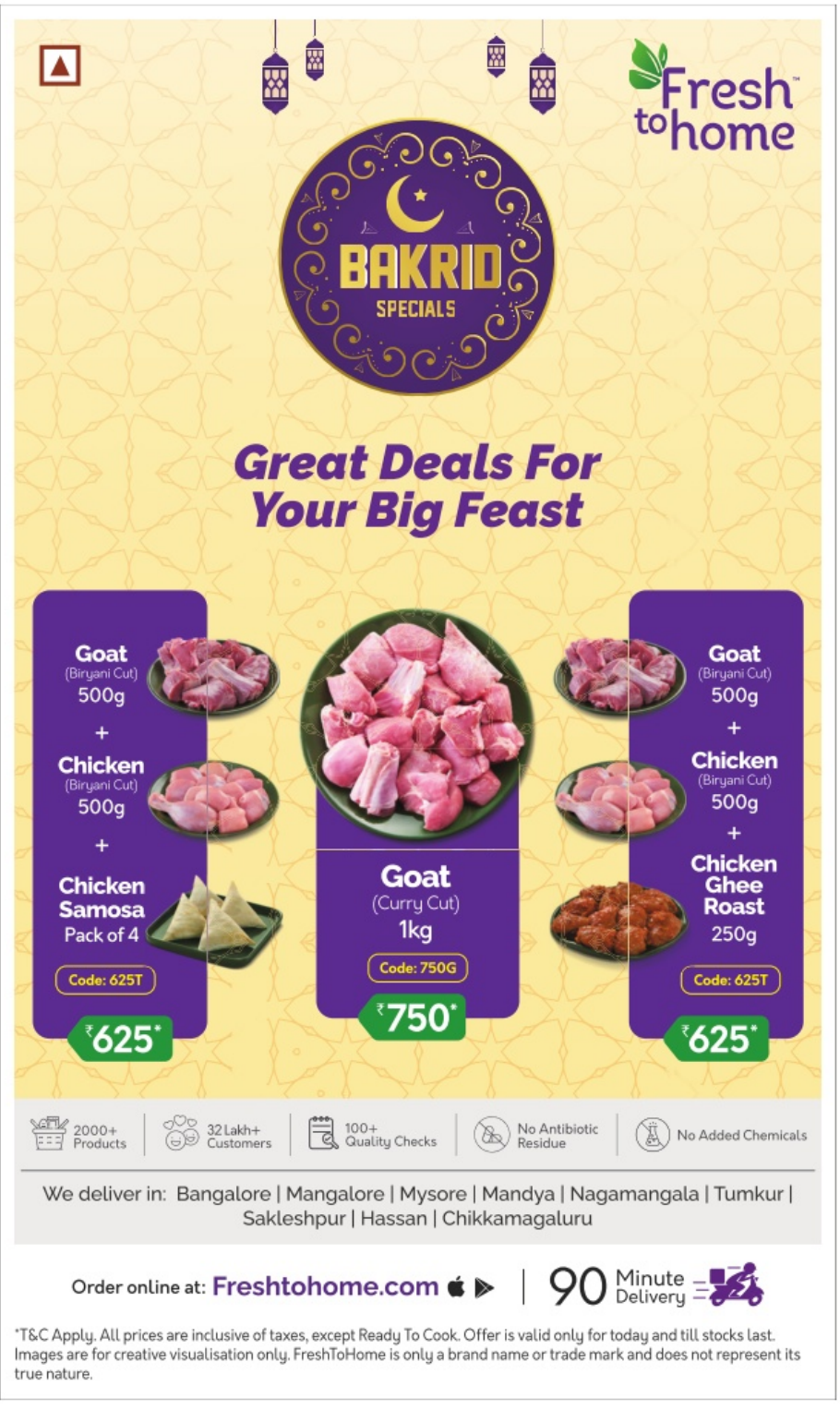
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Suburban trains a big boon for Railway Gollahalli, Chikkmadure

The suburban train project that was recently inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to give a big boost to the realty sector, especially in areas next to railway tracks.

Areas like Nelamangala and Hesaraghatta will get closer to suburban trains as it is proposed to construct a track from Chikkabanavara station. Railway Gollahalli is set to get a big boost. Railway Gollahalli is a major junction that connects Hesaraghatta via Gopalapura on one side, Nelamangala, Chikkamadure and Doddaballapur roads.

Residential areas will flourish with increased connectivity. The suburban train corridors are spread from Kengeri to Whitefield, KSR Bengaluru railway station to Devanahalli (via Yeshwanthpur), Chikkabanavara to Baiyyappanahalli and Heelalige to Rajanukunte. There will be a total of 57 stations. "There is a railway station at Nelamangala where trains from Hassan travel to Bengaluru City. As areas like Railway Gollahalli are nearer to Chikkabanavara, they can easily hop on to suburban trains in the future and head to different parts of the city without getting stuck in city traffic," said an official.

Nelamanagala and Gollahalli will benefit by suburban rail

Under the project to be implemented via joint venture company K-RIDE, a total rail route of 148.17 km will be constructed in four suburban rail corridors; 41.4 km of Bengaluru-Devanahalli; 25.01 km of Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara; 35.52 km of Kengeri-Bengaluru Cantonment and 46.24 km of Heelalige-Rajanukunte sectors.

Along with suburban trains, the Karnataka Road Development Corporation (KRDCL) is constructing an alternative road to the airport from Nelamangala. The roads will ensure a signal-free bypass to the airport from other districts of the state. The 39-km stretch starts from Nelamangala, Kodipalya, Rajanukunte and KIAL and is taken up at a cost of Rs.310 crore. It will help people travelling from Hassan, Tumakuru, and from other districts of the state. Another important factor aiding the growth of this road is a four-lane flyover at Rajanakunte.

Properties around Nelamangala and Hesaraghatta Road are not just known for being affordable, but also for offering excellent basic amenities including good road connectivity, water and electricity connection. Hesaraghatta Road is well connected with Nelamangala, Yelahanka, Bengaluru city as well as Doddaballapur. So, it is a hit among prospective home-buyers.

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B'luru residential market outpaces growth post-Covid

Owing to surging demand, the city witnessed a sale of 13,663 new residential units in the first quarter of 2022, posting a year-on year growth of 34%

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Following covid-led disruptions, realty market showed steady signs of recovery led by few cities like tech heartland of Bengaluru. Data showed increase in residential property sales in Bengaluru is led by domestic and international connectivity, smart infrastructure, and the growing presence of IT hubs. In the residential home space, Bengaluru registered a 34 pc year-on year (YoY) growth in the first quarter of 2022, with 13,663 new units sold, according to a market assessment report by real estate consultancy firm, Knight Frank. Overall, housing sales crossed 30%-mark in January March 2022.

FINANCIAL SECURITY BOOSTING GROWTH

Knight Frank attributes factors like financial security and growth in wealth for the increase in demand for residential units in Bengaluru. The supply also remained robust at a ten-quarter high with 10,106 residential units in Q1 2022. The average pro followed by Pune property prices in Bengaluru grew at 7% and Mumbai at 5% and 4% YoY respectively. Additionally, the mushrooming of start-ups is a boon for the real estate sector in Bengaluru. What's more, millennials from across India have played an important role in driving up sales in the affordable category.

Experts recommend looking into properties in and around commercial areas such as Whitefield, Indiranagar, Hebbal, Electronic City, etc. Investing in such regions would mean a value-buying for long-term benefit for an individual.

Rajan Bandelkar President, NAREDCO National said, "We have seen an instant surge in the real estate market, post pandemic, especially requests for large size 2,3 and 4 BHK Considering people have got into hybrid working culture. Need for space, quality lifestyle is the requirement of every home buyer. Post pandemic, North Bengaluru and East Bengaluru, has become one of the fastest-growing realty markets in Bengaluru, attracting investors and end-users."

Also, developers in Bengaluru have started to capitalise on the most elite segment of the housing market, for which they have ready buyers. However, Bengaluru is still an emerging real estate market, as unlike cities like Mumbai or Delhi, there is scope of urban land to develop.

DROP IN INVENTORY

Bengaluru has registered a 23% drop in the inventory of unsold houses. This is one of the steepest drops among significant cities for the first quarter of 2022, according to the first edition of the e housing price tracker report, by CREDAI, Colliers, report and Liases Foras. After Bengaluru, the other cities which saw a subsequent steep drop in unsold inventory were Kolkata and Pune. Kolkata witnessed BOROT a 15% drop and Pune registered an 11% decrease on a year-on-year (YoY) basis.

The areas that have been showing more returns than average in the 'garden city' of India are located at Whitefield, KR Puram, Hebbal and Yelahanka to name a few. Sale of flats in these locations has escalated at a steady rate while the areas steady rate: high in areas promise an increase in the capital values of properties and rental Infrastructure push in alds as Yelahanka New Town is also giving it a big edge.

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‘Unscientific’, citizens drub ward delimitation

They want 60% population growth since 2011 census to be considered

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Panellists say that layouts and villages have been haphazardly split up

Thursday being the last day for suggestions and objections to the delimitation of BBMP’s 243 wards, Namma Bengaluru Foundation (NBF) submitted a petition to the Additional Chief Secretary of Urban Development Department at Vikas Soudha.

The NBF also organised a webinar on Thursday with urban experts and citizens of Bengaluru for a discussion on “Population Census and Alternatives for Ward delimitation: A discussion on implications on Electoral Democracy”. Panellists for the webinar were urban experts Dr Ashwin Mahesh, Ravichandar, NS Mukunda, and Anjali Saini.

The Delimitation Act 2002 states that the Delimitation Commission should have a person who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court, to be appointed by the Central Government, who shall be the Chairperson, an Election Commissioner nominated by the Chief Election Commissioner, and a member from the State Election Commissioner. The problem with Bengaluru’s ward limitation team is that only bureaucrats have been asked to do it and the State Election Commission has absolutely no role.

The panellists deemed the delimitation process ‘unscientific’ as it was done on the basis of 2011 Census Data. The 60% growth in population was not accounted for.

“The delimitation of wards should have taken the projected data of the census department for the 2021 population. Also, the total number of wards should not be fixed. There should be a maximum limit fixed for area and population and both the criteria should be met,” a panellist said.

According to the panellists, layouts/villages have been haphazardly split up, and some wards have an average population of more than 40,000 with ward areas exceeding the average by a wide margin. With this disparity in ward size and population, funds may not be adequate to fix basic infrastructure and effectively serve people in those wards.

“The desirable voter population per ward should be around 30,000. Based on this and a total voter population of around 100 lakhs, the number of wards work out to around 330 wards, and the average area per ward will be 2.1 sq kms,” the panellists said.

> **“The delimitation should take a holistic approach, accounting for the neighbourhoods, population, and more**
> – Vinod Jacob, NBF member

The NBF also proposed the following: Bengaluru is a building block of currently 16,000 census blocks, and very good data in respect of these 16,000 blocks are available. They are also available in digital form including population and buildings. Based on this information, the ward delimitation exercise can be undertaken. It suggested that the Delimitation Commission is a high-level body set up by an Act of the Parliament, which itself indicates how important it is.“Therefore, ward delimitation must be done with utmost care and in a timely, scientific and logical manner to ensure a well governed and citizen centric Bengaluru,” it said. Vinod Jacob from Namma Bengaluru Foundation said the exercise should take a holistic approach, accounting for the neighbourhoods, population, representation, social, economic, cultural, geographical, infrastructural, health, security, revenue, taxpayers and ward budgets. “To arrive at the best delimitation process in a more scientific and socio-economic way, they can make use of the readily available data from BESCOM & BBMP Taxpayers data.”

Dr Ashwin Mahesh from Mapunity said there is a much better way to do this, which would be timely, using current data, without political bias, and with the participation of people in different neighbourhoods.

“Until we do that, anything put together in the way it is now will not help the city. On the contrary, it will make things worse by delaying much needed reforms in governance and administration,” he added.

Delivery rush near Kundalahalli Gate endangering lives

Commuters complain delivery agents often violate traffic rules due to ‘time stress’

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If you happen to cross Kundalahalli Gate during rush hour on a weekday, scenes of chaos are sure to unfold. It is a common picture: commuters and delivery executives jostling for space and racing against time to reach their destinations. But commuters complain that with delivery companies increasing in number, many of these executives on bikes coming from the opposite direction violate traffic rules and are often seen speeding.

The commuters say that these bikes mostly belong to the food delivery companies. They say that these people have to finish their deliveries within stipulated times, forcing them to rash drive.

Gautham S, a commuter said, “Two days ago, my scooter was about to crash into one of the bikes that was coming from the opposite side at full speed. He did not even stop once to check if I was okay or not; he was in such a hurry that he just rushed ahead of me.”

The commuters also said that the delivery personnel whizzing off at full speed makes it dangerous for people coming from the other side.

Commuters complain about delivery persons rash driving to meet their target time

Ramesh Krishna, another commuter, said, “The delivery people are under the impression that they have to make their deliveries within a few minutes, which is not their fault, but it is highly risky and unsafe. Driving like this could become a problem for themselves as well. These companies should remove such policies.”

An individual working for a food delivery company, said on the condition of anonymity, “We have to somehow get the order delivered within very less time, otherwise there have been so many occasions when the order gets cancelled. If we do not deliver the order within time, the customers raise a complaint and our seniors scold us and deduct our salary.”

The delivery executives also said that they did not have the option of stopping even during heavy rainfall because that would delay their delivery and lead to a reduction in their salary.

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Fallen streetlight
Magadi Road

A streetlight had fallen down over a month ago in Magadi Road. No one has come to fix it yet.

Vendors at work
KR Puram

KR Puram bus stand being used for selling flowers and vegetables.

Road problems
Vasanth Nagar

A sinkhole has caved in at Vasanth Nagar, Race Course Road, opposite Bangalore Turf Club. It is a risk for motorists and people.

Road is open

After the whitetopped Goodshed Road was thrown open, traffic was moving at brisk pace on Friday

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What's brewing? A licence to bill

Craft beer may get costlier if govt sticks to hike in licence renewal fee

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Beer lovers say craft beer is not very cheap anyway to begin with

"We just got our licence renewed two weeks ago and we paid Rs 2.5 lakh only. Now the cost has just been doubled

–Manager of microbrewery

The cost of enjoying a glass of your favourite craft beer in Bengaluru might get higher with an increase in the licence renewal fee for craft breweries as per the recent changes to Karnataka Excise (Brewery) Rules.

"Hike in the cost of the licence renewal fee will affect both the business and customers directly. If the licence renewal fee is increased we would have no other choice than to increase the prices of our craft beers. That would in turn affect our customer base only as people might shift to other options and stop coming to our brewery," said the manager of Wanderers, a brewery in Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru.

The regulations had fixed the fee for renewal of a craft brewery licence at Rs 5 lakh per year, which is twice as much as it used to be.

Breweries in the city are disturbed by the doubling of the licence fee. The manager of The Bier Library, a microbrewery in Bengaluru, told BM, "We just got our licence renewed two weeks ago and we paid Rs 2.5 lakh only. Now the cost has just been doubled."

Craft brewery is defined as small units with an installed capacity producing less than two lakh litres per annum in a space with not less than 4,000 sq. feet as built-up area, wherein only bottled beer is manufactured.

Craft beers have gained much popularity since 2010 when the Karnataka excise department started to issue microbrewery licences. As per reports, there were around 55 microbreweries in the city by 2019. The number is expected to have grown in three years.

Prakash Sharma, a resident of JP Nagar and an enthusiast of craft beers, said, "I first tried craft beer back in 2021 and I was amazed by the taste and the flavours, especially the varieties we can choose from. Fruit beer, coffee-flavored beer, whiskey-mixed beer, etc. It is so exciting to try these new breweries in the city and it is sad that they are saying that they will increase the prices. I mean it isn't very cheap, to begin with."

When pubs and restaurants reopened after the pandemic, many struggled to get their licences renewed due to losses, high rent, increased cost of operation, and other factors. In India, brewing any alcohol without a licence is considered illegal, and individuals doing so can be booked under laws pertaining to the illicit manufacture, sale, and possession of alcohol.

In 2021, while pubs and breweries faced losses, many requested the government to reduce or waiver the licence fee.

"The association had requested to reduce the fee by 50% but there was no response. Businesses have suffered a lot as the pubs were closed for a long time and are still at risk of getting closed down if cases rise," the manager of another brewpub said.

The excise duty structure in Karnataka for craft beers hasn't been announced yet.

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Hard exit for Boris

What is unravelling is a governance deadlock after Boris Johnson's removal in the United Kingdom. It was undoubtedly a relief to see functional parliamentary democracy ousting a sitting prime minister who refused to leave, scandal after scandal.

'First recorded case of a sinking ship fleeing the rat', humoured Labour Party's Keir Starmer in the House of Commons as droves of MPs began resigning and withdrawing support prior to Boris announcing resignation on Thursday, a day after chancellor Rishi Sunak and health secretary Sajid Javid delivered body blows turning in resignations minutes apart.

Starmer's rat metaphor seemed apt and timely for the conservative leader. Boris, who boasted of the '14-million mandate' in 2019, the biggest Tory victory after Thatcher, is at the centre of it all, unwilling to let go of his delusional power trip; seemingly wanting to linger as PM despite standing down as the Conservative Party leader, after closest of cabinet allies called on him at his No.10, Downing Street residence in London, and told him, 'boss, it is time to go'. A newspaper headline on Thursday morning read 'GET EXIT DONE BORIS' as the resignations of MPs went over 50.

The Conservative Party has managed to escape the grim-hold of Boris for now. After remaining in power for about 12 years, the Tories find themselves rudderless. Not so long ago, the conservatives alongside the establishment used Boris Johnson to mount a malicious campaign to keep Labour's Jeremy Corbyn away from UK premiership, calling the internationalist socialist leader 'antisemite', which was later parroted by the mainstream media. If Corbyn were PM, the global order would not be the same now and perhaps in a better place in times of crises of today's scale.

The untenable position of Boris arose from the same divisive politics and covid contracts cronyism that ignored policy in a world that would have done far better with robust coping strategies around an array of issues that needed urgent addressing, and even needs addressing now more than any point in human history. For instance, to salvage a neoliberal global order that has plunged into its favourite past time of war soon after a pandemic subsided, imminent fallout of the climate emergency, a looming food crisis, unemployment amidst rising inflation, bleak economic outlook and a possible recession approaching and so forth.

Two and a half years on, Boris became the symbol of the lies and deceit, that, in cahoots with big tech, infiltrated international politics, gnawing away at all social welfare measures achieved post war. Though it may seem trivial at the outset, getting rid of a pathological

quits, defiant to the end
The Daily Telegraph
PM's long goodbye leaves UK in 'state of paralysis'
Clinging on for one last party
The Guardian
It's over
Johnson throws in tow

liar of a politician like Boris is no easy task even for the Tories. Across the Atlantic, as Biden is increasingly seen as a senile stumbling block representing the old guard refusing to let go while terribly unable to meet the aspirations of a woke youth, elsewhere, opportunists use societal polarisation for personal gain.

What Boris' immediate predecessor said after the Brexiteer's resignation is noteworthy: "I am concerned when I look at some other countries, the polarisation of politics in the United States for example; I think we need to ensure that we avoid going down that very polarised route of politics and society, so somebody who can heal division and encourage unity I think is important," the Guardian quoted former UK PM Theresa May whom Boris and allies had removed in a coup.

As much as May's comment resonates across the world and in India, the west cannot afford to goof up and implode now for it shall devastate the prospects of the global south following blindly at every step. Whatever chances we have here at economic prosperity, reservations apart, are invariably linked to an economically and politically sound west.

Call it colonial hangover, conditioning, or what have you, always setting us back centuries if not decades behind the masters. Sad but true, the west is seemingly floundering now. That said, they do not stop issuing damning indices that scare the hell out of the commoner in erstwhile colonies. For instance, Bengaluru, one of the youngest of India's metropolises has an infrastructure problem according to the Economist. BM has been reporting consistently on Bengaluru's shoddy infra.

Surely, why the media or elected representatives in Bengaluru or at the Centre were not piqued by the intelligence unit of the Economist terming Bengaluru the least liveable city in India is revealing a recognisable pattern. Nor is it worrying for the urban policy maker or social scientist why the five most populous cities that shall drive future economic growth in India - New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad - analysed by the group, scored poorly from 140 to 146 out of 173 cities.

On a lighter note, evidence suggests the world has been an unliveable place for all life forms since the arrival of man.

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

OH DEER ME

During my recent visit to Nagarhole, I spotted a deer that was posing for a photograph, or simply looking at the camera in curiosity.

The picture was clicked by reader **Amrut Mujumdar**

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12-hour train journey turns bloody for man

Window shutter falls on passenger's hand, injuring it; he had to go without treatment till the train reached its destination

A man travelling by train from Bengaluru to Hyderabad was injured when a window shutter fell on his left hand. The incident happened on June 29 and the 50-year-old entrepreneur had to bear the pain for almost 12 hours.

K Bhaskar Rao was travelling on the Yelahanka-Kacheguda express (train number 17609). "I was allotted seat number 18 in S7 coach. The train left as per the scheduled departure time at 4.20 pm from Yelahanka. The train coaches were of very poor quality and most of the shutters were neither opening nor shutting down properly. With great difficulty, the shutter was opened as the shutter locks were not working properly."

Rao had kept his hand on the window sill because of which, a while later, the shutter fell on his right hand resulting in a deep cut. He started bleeding profusely.

However, he says there was no alternative due to lack of first aid as he had to endure the pain until he reached his destination the next day. "The train reached Kacheguda station at around 5.30 am on June 30 and I could then go to a doctor."

Rao added, "We keep hearing great news about railways about introducing newer coaches or regularly cleaning the existing coaches. However, the Yelahanka-Kacheguda coaches are in a bad condition.

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

K Bhaskar Rao, the victim, was travelling on the Yelahanka-Kacheguda express bound for Hyderabad

"Trains are preferred for economical and comfort reasons; but the comfort seems to be missing
– Rao, an entrepreneur

"Every day, hundreds of commuters travel between two cities. Trains are preferred for economy and comfort. However, the comfort seems to be missing. These are basic amenities."

Many small kids were also in the coach. I am even scared to think as to what could have happened if the shutter had fallen on any kid. Unlike other modes of transport, there won't be any first aid in the train and there is no guarantee as to when one can go and meet a doctor especially if it's a long journey and in the night. I request the railways to take up the issue on priority basis and fix the issue, he said.

— Praksh VL

DID YOU KNOW?

Now closed, Kapali Theatre, once upon a time, was considered Asia's biggest cinema screening hall. Inaugurated on February 16, 1968, in Gandhi Nagar, Kapali theatre had a seating capacity of 1,465 initially.
The theatre was equipped with Cinerama facility where three movies could be shown at a time. The theatre has always been the launchpad of blockbusters. Among the films screened in the theatre include Seven Wonders of the World, This is Cinerama, Jogi, Chalisuva Modagalu, Bhagyavantharu, Keralida Simha, Shabdavedhi, Premaloka, Ranadhira, Upendra and many others.
After screening hundreds of films over five decades, the curtains came down for the last time at Kapali theatre in October 2017. **— TOI**

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How do you think we can create more ownership among citizens of the city?

Dhairya Shah, Graduate
Ownership can be increased by involving the citizens in the decision-making processes by taking their opinions and needs into consideration

Sanjay Jangid, Businessman
Conducting mass social drives can help bring people together for the good of the city and make them feel responsible.

Charu N Shah, Homemaker
Creating awareness about the civic problems in the city will make people feel responsible for these problems.

Mansi Mutha, Student
Schools and colleges should engage the students in activities and awareness drives to create responsibility.

Prawin Rungta, Businessman (Proprietor)
Citizens should be encouraged to criticise the authorities and provide suggestions to make Bengaluru better.

Prerna Chanani, Homemaker
There needs to be more investment in public spaces like parks and gardens to increase community involvement.

SPEAK TO US

Which public place in Bengaluru helps you unwind and chill on a stressful day?

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Folks, parking just got easier at Mysuru Zoo!

Half-kilometre stretch on Ittige Gudu Layout's 5th Cross to have parking space, shops

Mysuru Zoo is the latest hot spot in the scenic town, and while authorities -- and the animals -- are happy that they are the centre of attraction, tourists are peeved at the parking problem that has cropped up. To solve this issue, the Karnataka Zoo Authority has planned to designate a 'Walking Street' for the visitors with the help of local residents.

Authorities say that every day, there are more than one thousand vehicles parked, especially in and around the Ittige Gudu Layout, creating more problems for the residents. So, the Karnataka Zoo Authority decided to create a parking place on the exhibition ground which is adjacent to Ittige Gudu Layout. A request was also submitted to Karnataka Exhibition Authority.

This half-kilometre stretch on 5th Cross of the layout consists of shops for food, local art, and artefacts. The street will start from the front of the zoo and extend up to the exhibition ground and will be decorated with flower pots and managed by the Karnataka Zoo Authority, and can be accessed by citizens from 9 am to 6 pm.

The residents can rent the space to traders and on the exhibition ground, there will be ticket counters for the zoo, and battery-operated vehicles will be arranged for specially abled and senior citizens.

Karnataka Zoo Authority President LR Mahadeva Swamy said, "The parking lot in front of the zoo has a capacity of 1,000 vehicles. Due to the heavy inflow of tourists, parking space has been allotted on the exhibition ground."

A resident of Mysuru, MG Praveen added that with the authority planning to park the vehicles half a kilometre away, this will reduce the parking problems.

Area around Mysuru Zoo is chock-a-block with vehicles and tourists flocking

"Residents can rent the space to traders and shops selling food, artefacts, local art will also come up

Tuskers prefer farms to forests: Researchers

Elephants have adjusted to life in the coffee estates of Kodagu creating problems for the farmers. These elephants damage the paddy and other crops by settling on the farms. Approximately 60 per cent of elephants in the Kodagu district live near coffee estates. This has impacted hugely on Kodagu's economy and society.

Researchers at the Wildlife Institute of India who have observed the behavioural changes in elephants over the last 15 years say that because of the easy availability of food and water on the farms, they prefer these locations. They also stay on farms to avoid group clashes. For these reasons, even if they are sent to forests, they return to surrounding villages.

In another interesting fact, it was reported that women are often not willing to marry prospective grooms from elephant-occupied villages.

In the year 2020-21, 9,000 elephant-human conflict cases were registered, 22 persons died and Rs 6 crore compensation paid. This was the highest number of human-animal conflicts reported from Kodagu.

So far, 9,000 cases were registered against animals in Kodagu only. A Rapid Response (RR) team was formed to solve the elephant-human conflict. There are 29 elephants fitted with radio collars. This RR team will observe the elephant movements and inform the residents via SMS. When there is a danger, the staff will shoot in the air or use firecrackers to send them away.

– Prakash VL

Travel plans? The weather says not really

Heavy rainfall predicted for next few days in B'luru and coastal areas of K'taka

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Folks, if you've been planning that weekend getaway to the picturesque coasts of Karnataka, you may want to postpone your plans as heavy spells of rain are sure to play spoilsport, according to weather experts.

Heavy rainfall has been predicted for the next few days as monsoon is active over the state. Along with this, a cyclonic circulation is hovering over northwest and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal off south Odisha-north Andhra Pradesh coasts extending up to 7.6 km above mean sea level tilting south-westwards with height.

Many districts in coastal and Malnad areas received heavy rainfall on Friday as well. Places like Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada continued to face the brunt of torrential rains. Due to the downpour, rivers are swollen, inundating agricultural fields and low-lying areas, landslides have also been reported in hilly areas of Kodagu and Dakshina Kannada districts.

Owing to heavy rains in Maharashtra, water discharge by the neighbouring state into the Krishna and its tributaries has increased, Karnataka Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol said. Noting that the inflow into Almatti reservoir has crossed 75,200 cusecs and there are chances of severe flooding in the Krishna basin, he added that district administrations in Bagalkot and Belagavi are on high alert and have been instructed to take all precautionary measures. There are reports of low-lying areas and few bridge-cum-barrages in both districts and nearby areas being inundated.

Teen dies in B'luru

A 13-year-old boy died in the city on Friday after a branch fell on him in Bengaluru East zone. The victim identified as Rakesh was standing under a tree during rain on June 3. At around 6.30 pm, a branch fell on his head. He failed to respond to medication even after a month of staying in the hospital.

What experts predict

Widespread, very light to light rains is likely over BBMP area. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 20 - 24 degrees, say met experts. In Karnataka, widespread, moderate to very heavy rains likely over coastal districts.

Rain fury, in numbers

Districts affected by floods:	13
Taluks:	17
Villages:	37
People affected:	495
People rescued:	90
Care centres opened:	4
People in care centres:	90
Loss of human lives:	12
Death of livestock:	65

(with inputs from agencies)

'More job opportunities in the pipeline'

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To boost employment in Karnataka and create more job opportunities, the state government now plans on coordinating with universities and companies.

At a national conclave 'UTKARSH' held by CII Young Indians (Yi) at Radisson Blu Atria Hotel, on Friday, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Minister of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood of Karnataka, said, "We want every person in Karnataka to be employed and not just get a degree. To facilitate that we are coordinating and collaborating with the companies and universities and trying to bring out the best policies. We are also prioritising the growth of start-ups."

Narayan said that the demand was more in the job sector and the supply less, emphasising that there were many job opportunities but the youth is not able to grab them.

He also commended the centre's role in facilitating digitalisation, National Education Policy (NEP), and the GST system. "Only academic learning will not take us anywhere. NEP focuses on more than just that which will help us take the economy ahead. But just bringing in the policy is not enough, effectively implementing the policy is very important."

More than 250 Yi members from across the country participated in this event. The chief speaker for the day was Kris Gopalakrishnan, co-founder of Infosys Limited & chairman of Axilor Ventures.

More than 250 Yi members participated from across India

"The opportunity is there, the space is there, the talent is there, and we will get the money and technology that we need. What is missing is the will, the desire, and the ambition that is required," he said.

Gopalakrishnan added that he believes India can create the next Microsoft or Google and can grow its economy's worth to USD 10 trillion in the next 25 years.

The two-day-long summit organised in Bengaluru was the nation's first carbon-neutral event, said Dilip Krishna, National Vice-Chair of Young Indians.

Over 300 young entrepreneurs from over 40 Yi's chapters pan-India were present to discuss the role of youth leadership in building India's project. The event celebrated the 20th year of the CII Yi organisation and the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

The conclave included various engaging activities like a fashion show themed on climate change, live music performance, and beatboxing.

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This I-Day, a steel flyover

Sivananda flyover work resumes, slated to open on August 15

Work on the Sivananda Flyover that was stuck has resumed after High Court gave a go-ahead

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Work on the city's first steel flyover that was stuck due to legal issues has resumed. The BBMP claims the flyover will be ready by August 15. However, with so many deadlines missed in the last five years, not many are ready to believe this right away.

The flyover is key as once operational, commuters from Seshadripuram to Race Course Road and vice versa can skip the traffic signal at Sivananda Junction. There is heavy traffic movement from the Anand Rao Circle side towards Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat, which also will be eased.

Recently, the High Court gave the green signal to resumption of work. Now, work has started and the BBMP hopes to finish the down ramp work (towards Seshadripuram) by August 15. Earlier, the land owners adjoining Sivananda flyover had approached the court for compensation as the gradient had been increased.

The flyover has missed several deadlines. As per the last deadline, the flyover was to be thrown open to traffic by November last year. Originally, the flyover was to be operational by March 2018. With delay in work, construction cost too increased over the years. The length of the grade separator was increased from 326 metres to 493 metres and with this the number of piers had to be increased from six to 16. The additional length to be added between Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce and Race Course Junction since nothing can be added on the side (Railway Bridge) towards Malleswaram. The additional work had to be included as the court direction. Many residents had opposed the project from the beginning.

Initially, the residents staged protests stating that the project was not required at all. Their argument was that though the flyover could provide a smooth flow for the traffic between Race course and Seshadripuram roads. However, as the railway underpass near Nehru circle was a narrow one, the residents fear that the traffic bottleneck will now shift to the railway underpass which has not been widened yet. The residents staying in the neighbourhood recently demanded the early completion of the flyover as the entire area was filled with dust and many could not open the doors.

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Cost escalation

The BBMP had issued a work order to a contractor on June 30, 2017. The project was scheduled to be completed in nine months. Earlier, the project cost was estimated to be Rs 19.85 crore and later it was increased to Rs 42.45 crore in July 2018. Then, the total cost was revised to Rs 60 crore.

Gauri trial to continue

A Special Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA) Court, conducting the Gauri Lankesh murder trial here, recorded the examination of two more witnesses on Friday, the last day of the trial for July.

The trial will resume on August 8 and will have day-to-day hearing for five days. The trial is scheduled for a week every month.

On Friday, two witnesses -- a local mahajar witness and a peon working in Gauri Lankesh's newspaper office -- were examined by the prosecution and the defence.

The manner in which the bullets embedded in the walls were recovered were recalled and scrutinised in the statements of the witnesses by the advocates. —PTI

Sunak throws hat in ring

The race to elect a new Conservative Party leader gathered momentum on Friday, with British Indian former finance minister Rishi Sunak formally launching his leadership bid.

Sunak joins fellow Indian-origin candidate Suella Braverman, the UK Attorney General who is among the early Tory MPs to announce her plan to contest. "I'm standing to be the next leader of the Conservative Party and your Prime Minister. Let's restore trust, rebuild the economy and reunite the country," said Sunak as he launched the campaign bid on Twitter. The 42-year-old MP and son-in-law of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy had told reporters earlier, "We need to make sure that's not the end of the British Indian story. There's lots more we can achieve." —PTI

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'Of course, b'day bash is political'

Senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Friday held a meeting with party's state President DK Shivakumar, amid talks of discord within regarding his 75th birthday bash, and said there will certainly be a political message from the event, as none in politics are 'Sanyasis'.

The former CM said the event at the district headquarters town of Davangere next month, though not being held on a party platform, is being organised by Congress leaders and workers.

"There will certainly be a political message (from the event), are we Sanyasis? Is Rahul Gandhi or Shivakumar a Sanyasi? It will be there. Isn't listing out our achievements during our five years tenure politics? Isn't recalling my political journey a politics? It is there, nothing can be done without politics," Siddaramaiah said in response to a question.

Speaking to reporters after nearly an hour-long breakfast meeting, with Shivakumar next to him, he said both of them have discussed party programmes and how to face the next election.

"Party people will be there in the event, which is being organised as I turn 75, considering it a milestone. Though it is not on the party's platform, party people are organising it," he said. —PTI

Shinzo Abe assassination stuns world

Leaders from all over condemn attack; India declares day of mourning

Tetsuya Yamagami, centre, holding a weapon, is detained near the site of gunshots in Nara, western Japan on Friday

A man prays at a site outside of Yamato-Saidaiji Station where Shinzo Abe was shot earlier on Friday

Friday's shocking assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in one of the world's safest countries stunned leaders and drew condemnation, with Iran calling it an "act of terrorism" while European leaders slammed the "despicable" attack. Tributes poured in as governments expressed sorrow and solidarity with Japan over the loss of Abe, who was Japan's longest-serving leader before stepping down in 2020 for health reasons.

Abe, 67, was shot from behind in Nara in western Japan while giving a campaign speech. He was airlifted to a hospital and later pronounced dead.

U.S. President Joe Biden said he was "stunned, outraged, and deeply saddened" and offered his condolences to Abe's family.

"This is a tragedy for Japan and for all who knew him," Biden said. "His vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific will endure. Above all, he cared deeply about the Japanese people and dedicated his life to their service."

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who hastily returned to Tokyo from campaign events around the country, condemned the "unforgivable act." He said campaigning as well as Sunday's elections for parliament's upper house will proceed.

"The free and fair election, which is the root of democracy, needs to be protected no matter what. We will not be defeated by violence," Kishida said.

Leaders from Turkey to Singapore condemned the attack. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the French foreign ministry called the shooting "despicable" while Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez slammed the "cowardly attack."

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy tweeted his "deepest condolences to his family and the people of Japan at this difficult time." "This heinous act of violence has no excuse," he added. South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol called the shooting "an intolerable criminal act," his office said.

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Public broadcaster NHK aired a dramatic video of Abe giving a speech outside a train station in Nara. He is standing, dressed in a navy blue suit, raising his fist, when two gunshots are heard. The video then shows Abe collapsed on the street.

In the NHK video, security guards are seen leaping on top of a man in a gray shirt who lies face down on the pavement. A double-barreled device that appeared to be a handmade gun is seen on the ground.

Police arrested a suspect at the scene. Under Japanese law, possession of firearms is illegal without a special license. Importing them is also illegal.

Leaders from Germany, Pakistan, Sweden and the Philippines were also among those who gave their condolences, and many countries including Spain and France expressed solidarity with Japan. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a day of national mourning on Saturday as a mark of deepest respect for Abe.

"Mr. Abe made an immense contribution to elevating India-Japan relations to the level of a special strategic and global partnership. Today, whole India mourns with Japan and we stand in solidarity with our Japanese brothers and sisters in this difficult moment," Modi said.

In China however, Abe's shooting triggered unfavorable comments from tens of thousands of nationalist citizens on social media. Some quipped, "Hope he's not OK," while dozens half-jokingly called the shooter "a hero". Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian declined to comment. He said China expressed sympathies with Abe's family and that the shooting shouldn't be linked with bilateral relations. **AP**

Lake encroachment: NGT steps in

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prevent the encroachment of the lake's wetland," said Vilasini Ramkumar.

She said BBMP lakes department initially did nothing to develop the lake but now the civic body has taken up development of the lake.

The BBMP had allocated Rs 3 crore for the development of Kembattahalli Lake in January 2021. However, it remained oblivious to the construction of the compound wall of the adjacent burial ground on the wetland in August 2021. After residents lodged a complaint, the BBMP lakes department demolished the compound wall.

The NGT principal bench heard the petition on May 6, 2022, and passed an order to constitute a joint committee with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as the nodal agency for coordination and compliance.

"Factual and action taken report may be furnished within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. List the matter for further consideration on July 28, 2022," the NGT order said.

The NGT Principal Bench, headed by Justice Arun Kumar Tyagi and expert member Afroz Ahmad, said that a copy of this order, along with a copy of the complaint, be forwarded to the State Wetland Authority, KSPCB, BBMP chief commissioner and Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner.

Raghunandan KV, a resident, welcomed the NGT directive and alleged that the BBMP lakes department had neglected the lake for quite a long time. "After NGT principal bench's directive, the BBMP lakes department has become active and taken up some developmental works at the lake," said Raghunandan.

Shailesh Charati, a resident, said local citizens have been working to protect the Kembattahalli Lake for three to four years — the lake got funds in 2020 itself but work started only this year after many follow ups. He said the lake has a fence built by the BDA which has been cut open at many places and a road has been laid through the lake area.

"An illegal burial ground has also appeared. Requests to the BBMP to clear the encroachments had gone unheeded; so did requests to the revenue department. In fact, the BBMP created a development plan for the lake leaving out the illegal graveyard while they should have cleared encroachments first.

Requests to maintain the status quo - not allow any more burial and construction of structures after burial by closing the illegal openings in the fence - were not paid any attention," he said.

According to Charati, earlier encroachment attempts were generally made at night but this year suddenly they became more frequent and were done in broad daylight: the police were called in on some occasions but that did not help either.

"Finally the National Green Tribunal stepped in after complaints were sent to the authority through email. It registered a case based on an e-mail complaint and issued an order to constitute a committee with KSPCB chairman as convener and Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority, BBMP chief commissioner and Bengaluru Urban DC as members. After this order one entry to the burial ground was closed and we also saw a home guard stationed in the lake," he said.

2,427 cases in 30 districts

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We are witnessing a mix of patients showing mild to severe symptoms. Some of the patients, mostly adults are presented with symptoms such as abdominal pain, repetitive vomiting and breathing difficulties. On further evaluation, they have low platelet count," said Dr Brunda MS, consultant, internal medicine, Aster CMI Hospital.

Dr TR Hemkumar, consultant, internal medicine, at Sakra World Hospital said, "There has been a steady increase in the number of dengue cases since early May as Bengaluru has witnessed pre-monsoon showers significantly. On an average, in our tertiary care setup, everyday we see around 10-15 dengue-like cases that test NS1 antigen positive. Most cases are mild and few of them end up with low platelet count. We witnessed a couple of patients having liver complications and heart-related complications. So far there are no deaths reported."

Some of the common symptoms observed are high grade fever, severe headache, lower back ache, extreme tiredness, vomiting and abdominal discomfort. "These patients do not display any respiratory symptoms. Treatment for dengue is largely symptomatic, along with hydration, even intravenously, if required. They usually require support from the third to seventh day of the illness. Majority recover from home with adequate rest and plenty of fluids. Rapid and unplanned urbanisation coupled with strong pre-monsoon showers leading to water stagnation in parts of the city could be the cause for rise in dengue," added Dr Hemkumar.

"Keeping the body fully covered by wearing warm clothes, maintaining the surroundings dry and clean and not giving mosquitoes a chance to breed are some of the key preventive measures that we need to adopt. Staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water and eating fresh fruits are recommended. Abstaining from outdoor food and eating home cooked warm food, drinking boiled water, and including fresh vegetables in diet, can also help in keeping one healthy and safe," said Dr Mahesh Kumar, consultant, internal medicine, Narayana Health City.

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Dance like nobody's watching

Here are 7 ways how dancing can do wonders for your body

Have you ever rocked the floor while listening to your music? Has your body craved for more rolls and dips while killing the beats with your postures and actions?

The movements you perform, the breaths you exhale and inhale, and the steps you act on do wonders for your body. The dance can offer an array of benefits not just for physical health but also for mental health.

Dance is a type of performance art as well as a better workout for people. To be performed, dance necessitates the use of every part of the body. Dance improves coordination, memory, endurance, and agility while also elevating your mood. Dance reduces stressors that contribute to depression and anxiety.

There are many reports and studies that have shown the positive impact of dance on people's minds and bodies. You may be surprised to know what your funky moves can do.

Expression and emotions

Dance conveys the deepest thoughts and emotions through movements. When you are happy, you sway and roll. That's what we call dance. You dance when you are happy. You clap your hands and shake your body — you dance.

Every human emotion can be expressed with specific moves. Even, the sadness, the anger, and the numbness.

Dance makes you free of overthinking. Like every other art, dance expresses.

Physical Relaxation

Dance reduces stress and establishes mind and body connections. Your body knows when it is in pain or when it is in stress. Even, the mind is also aware of the same. When you dance, you practice muscle isolation and stretching. These activities help in releasing physical stiffness.

Mood Booster

Dance provides a mental break from the rest of the physical world. Dance requires intense focus and concentration to shed other worries before practising. There are multiple steps, techniques and actions to perform in a very short period. Without emptying the mental room, your body will not carry out the intricate movements. Dance is 'meditation in movement'.

Gaining Flexibility and Agility

Dance motions include pirouettes, swings and flips, pliers, relievers, and others. Every dancer who executes the exercises improves their flexibility and agility.

Factors such as ageing and a lack of physical activity can cause bodily stiffness and pain.

Medical studies have demonstrated that dancing instruction improves joint mobility and muscular flexibility. It also improves agility and speed.

Complex dancing movements can result in increased hip mobility, spine flexibility, and a lower risk of spinal discomfort.

Enhancing Balance & Coordination

The ageing process has a substantial impact on bodily balance and coordination. You are aware that the elderly are prone to falling. The simple reason for this is that old age impairs balance and coordination.

Regular dancing practice can assist older persons to improve their health and avoid this. It helps to improve balance, walking speed, and a solid walking pattern.

Boosting creativity and art

Being a performing art, creativity and self-expression are crucial elements of any dance form. The creative and self-artistic nature of Dance nourishes the human soul. For a long time, music and dance have been an integral part of human civilization. Dance follows no direct rule of performing particular forms. You can create your body movements to dance freely. Feeling good is the motto.

Just have fun

As previously established, dancing knows no bounds. It is completely free. It is simple. It's creative. It is something that can be learnt. Nobody is born with the ability to dance.

You may dance to any melody, in any location, alone or with companions, without much thought. You can dance for pleasure. There are no rules.

—Divanshi Gupta, Founder, Ucanji, a leading skill learning platform

MIRRORLIGHTS

Drugs could eliminate the side effects of cancer treatment

Radiotherapy for cancer is often debilitating but also necessary, so anything that can help improve side effects is a huge step forward. Hats off then to scientists at Newcastle University who have come up with a simple, one-off treatment that can prevent long-term side effects of cancer radiotherapies.

There are about two million cancer survivors in the UK, many of whom face premature memory loss and various diseases resembling premature ageing, to which sadly, there's no cure. This is thought to be caused by side effects of toxic cancer chemotherapies and radiotherapies, which treat cancer cells but can also damage normal cells.

The researchers wanted to know whether they could prevent such devastating consequences of cancer therapies via a short treatment with senolytics, a class of drugs that specifically eliminates cells damaged due to cancer therapies.

They tested the idea in mice and found that those treated with senolytic drugs soon after radiotherapy didn't develop premature ageing, and the animals treated after they started ageing prematurely also showed improved health.

Dr Satomi Miwa, Lecturer in the Biology of Ageing, Newcastle University who led the research, said, "Increasing numbers of people are now successfully treated for cancer, and the survival rates from many cancer types are high. The people who had beaten cancers can start looking forward to their new lives again, but only if their quality of life is not going to be affected."

"Sadly, this is the case for the moment. However, our new research shows that there is a way to prevent any long-term side effects occurring, and to reduce risks of cancer relapse," she added.

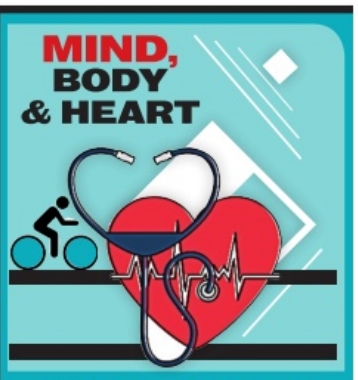
So what are senolytics? The word : means "destroy age" and they're an exciting development in the biology of ageing. The drugs kill senile cells and have been shown to postpone, and in some cases heal, age-linked disease or disability in mice.

Brain survivors' worst therapies: Currently, a dozen clinical trials using different senolytic drugs in people are underway against such conditions as pulmonary fibrosis (lung fibrosis), diabetic kidney disease and osteoarthritis.

The Newcastle group intends to continue the research as Dr Miwa explained, "We want to test our approach in cancer types specifically and move to a clinical setting as fast as we can. We are particularly interested in childhood brain tumour survivors, as they are the worst affected group of people suffering from long-term side effects from cancer therapies."

The study provides new hope for people who receive cancer therapies to ensure a better quality of living for the rest of their lives.

—Daily mirror



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been with my partner for a few years and we have a child together. My partner has a friend, who I have a problem with. He's never liked me and when he's drunk he can be very rude to me. Things hit a new low a couple of weeks back when we were at the pub for someone's birthday. My partner's friend was drunk and said some horrible things to me when we were with a group of people. Instead of challenging him and telling him to apologise, my partner just made a terrible joke and the evening went on. I left early and we've been arguing about it since. I'm starting to hate my partner for not seeing what a horrible person this guy is and for not standing up for me. Please advise.

COLEEN SAYS

He sounds jealous of your relationship – you've taken his mate away – and I'm sure he'd like nothing more than to cause a rift between you and your partner, so don't let him do it. However, I think you need to get tough with your partner – why won't he stand up to this guy? And after the way this person has treated you, why does he still want to be friends with him? Generally, it's not a good idea to try to tell a partner who they can and can't be friends with, but I think when someone is being openly rude and offensive then all bets are off. So you've got to talk about it and help him to see how this affects you and that it's very damaging for your relationship. He can either talk to his friend and tell him how it's going to be from now on or he can back away from the friendship. In the meantime, don't be in this guy's company – he doesn't have to be your friend.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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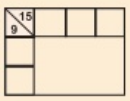

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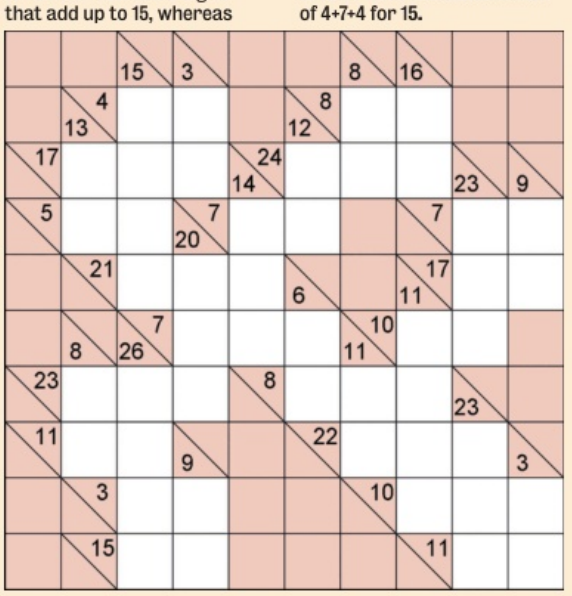

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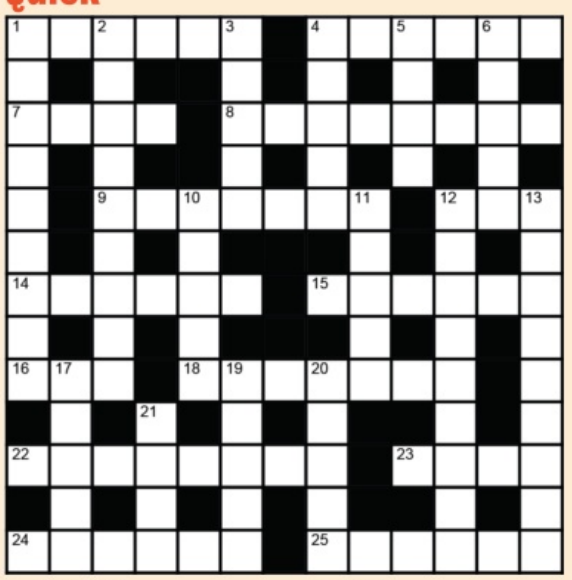

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1 Large lizard (6)
4 Mental health (6)
7 Parts of a tea-set (4)
8 Fortnight (3,5)
9 Fixed or corrected (7)
12 Aam Aadmi Party in short (3)
14 Lazing (6)
15 Squabble or quarrel (6)
16 Over in verse (3)
18 Sieves; conceals (7)
22 Capital of Meghalaya (8)
23 Farm building (4)
24 Spain of the Spaniards (6)
25 Musical beat (6)

DOWN

1 Under an assumed name (9)
2 Not generally liked (9)
3 Frolic or caper (5)
4 Uttered words (5)
5 Poverty or want (4)
6 Indian tandoori dish (5)
10 Camping shelters (5)
11 Male duck (5)
12 Helper (9)
13 Pen name (9)
17 Distinctive spirit of a culture (5)
19 Dynasty which ruled the area around Bangalore in the 11th century (5)
20 Mystery writers' awards (5)
21 Arm bone (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS G

XCTWT ZF UE FKPC KUPTWXY-ZUXH YF Y FKWT XCZUI.

Linemaro

I am fighting the urge to make you the happiest woman on earth tonight

Mindchow

You don't stop laughing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop laughing

Joke of the day

All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand

Loop

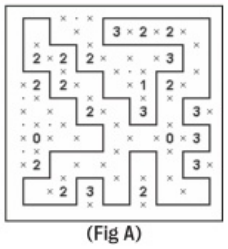
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

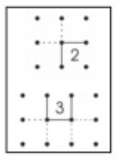
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

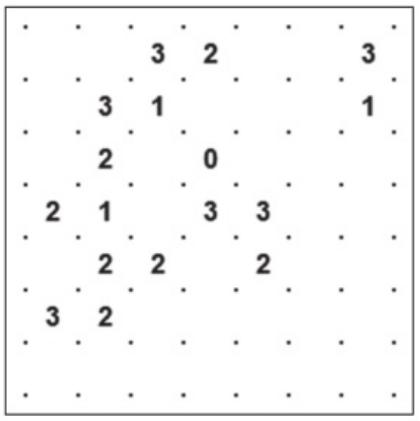
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



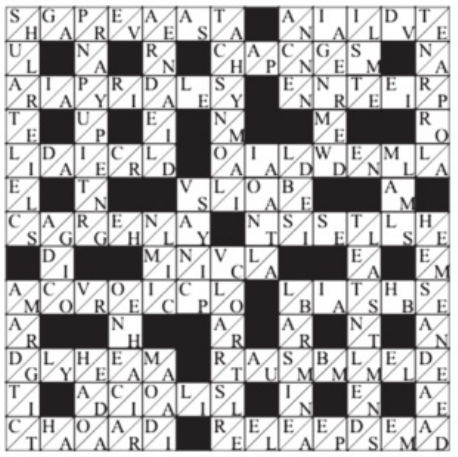
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



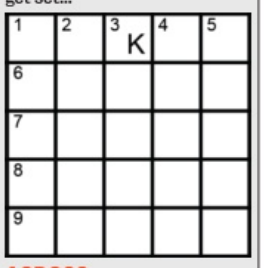
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

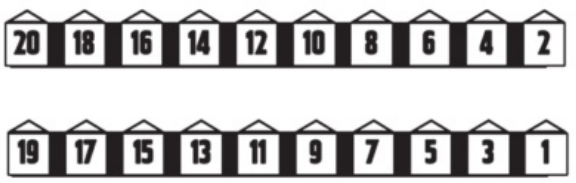
1 Drake; 6 So ere; 7 ST bat; 8 OK OBE (1-4); 9 W gaps

DOWN

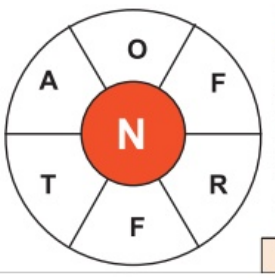
1 Grebe; 2 Arab a; 3 Two OK; 4 Poets; 5 Skeds

Mensapuzzle

In a road with 20 houses: Tom lives at number 4; Bill lives four houses from Tom; Jim lives opposite Bill's next door neighbour; Fred lives four houses from Jim. What is the number of Fred's house?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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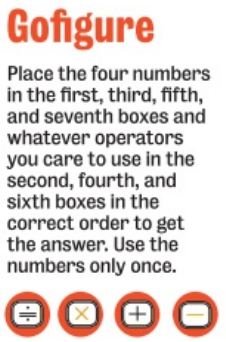
	3	2		6		4	8	
	5	1		4		7	3	
7			1		4			8
3	4		7		9		5	6
				3				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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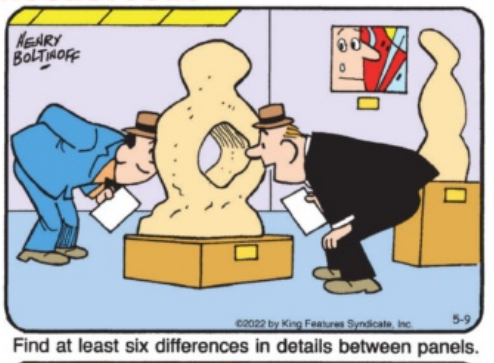
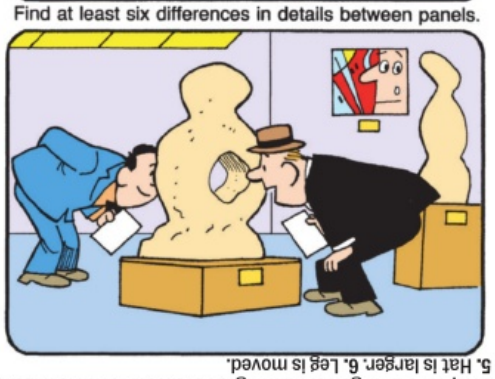


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



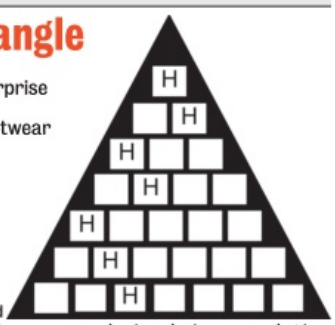
Differences: 1. Hole in sculpture is smaller. 2. Base of sculpture is larger. 3. Painting is reversed. 4. Hat is missing. 5. Hat is larger. 6. Leg is moved.

Riddler

My head and tail together is from a distant home
My middle is a prime number in ancient Rome
Prefix my first half to make something "used to be" Call my second half for a laptop virus-free

Alpha triangle

1 8th letter
2 Interjection of surprise
3 Mason's burden
4 Equipped with footwear
5 Clamps
6 Wild dogs of Asia
7 Gazes at



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

LET'S KISS AND MAKE UP, TAWNEE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE HAVEN'T HAD A FIGHT OR ANYTHING!
4-26
THAT SURE IS A DUMB-LOOKING HAIRSTYLE YOU HAVE!

Bizarrotrip

Wayno & Piraro 5-6-22
I wear the big red emblem because an S-shaped spit curl is apparently too subtle.
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Diamond Lil

NICE THONG, HOWARD
THANK YOU!
I MADE IT MYSELF FROM A CATERER'S FOOD-WARMING PAN!
IS THAT A CHAFING DISH?
NOT IF I USE TALCUM POWDER!
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Hart of the city

SIT. I NEED PHOTOS OF THIS HOT HAIRDRESSER BOYFRIEND.
HMMM, WE CAN WORK WITH THIS.
WE?
IF YOU THINK I HAVEN'T TEXTED THE GROUP CHAT, YOU ARE MISTAKEN.
SOME MOMS!!
ALERT, ADDY'S GOT A BOYFRIEND!
I DO NOT!
PICS???
NEED PICS STAT
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Crankshaft

THANKS TO THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF A ZOOM LENS ON THE LOWELL OBSERVATORY TELESCOPE...
ASTRONOMERS HAVE FOUND AN OBJECT COMING FROM AROUND THE SUN THAT WILL BE PASSING NEAR THE EARTH!
"EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS SEEM TO INDICATE THAT IT MAY NOT BE YOUR TYPICAL METEOR!"
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Overworking can tire you out today. It can make you lazy and careless. You are advised to keep patience. Postpones adventure tours for a while. Your past investments may turn to dead stock. Students are advised to work hard. You could have back aches or issues with the nervous system, liver, or skin.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your creativity will be high today. You can use that and plan to renovate your house. You could buy some items for your house or office to increase your social standing. There is likely to be harmony with your spouse and in your domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may settle down. You may hear good news in terms of legal matters.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you will be glad. You will be able to maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditure, which will boost your finances. Your network can help you to implement your plans. Your siblings and juniors will be more helpful today. You can plan to visit a spiritual place if that helps.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Sleeplessness could leave you feeling dull. You may be scattered towards your goals, which may affect your work efficiency. You can plan a visit to some spiritual place. In the late evening, you may be blessed by your elders. You may find out your mistakes and make a good plan for the coming days. You are advised to take care of your parent's health.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, until late afternoon, you may feel dull, which can reflect in your way of working. However, with the help of elders, you are likely to get back to your usual speed. Pay extra attention to the health of your children. You will be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Stomach issues could make you upset.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be happy at work. You are likely to make some important decisions by the end of the day, which will help you in the near future. You may plan for a short trip. Your juniors might be cooperative. Expect some good news in terms of your sibling's success. You are likely to be in winning positions in legal matters. Students should be more focused to achieve their targets.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Your communication skills may help you at work today. You are likely to be more polite with everyone around you, which may help you to speed up your projects. Lovebirds are likely to exchange their views with each other. This could strengthen the foundation of their relationship.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. New Partnerships may bring you benefits. Your energy levels could be high. Your hard work and enthusiasm may pay you off in terms of financial gains. Self-respect may protect you from negative people.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may meet some old friends or be busy with a social get-together. You could feel more excited today. New innovations may be there in terms of business. Expect unexpected material gains. Children may bring good news in terms of studies. Lovebirds might enjoy quality moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
With the moon on your side today, small investments could convert to big profits. Your work efficiency could be increased now. You are likely to get success with low effort. You may hear good news in legal matters as well. Opponents and rivals will be at bay.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Small effort may bring you success as the moon is in a favourable position for you. Past investments can bring you profits. You will be rewarded for your hard work on the professional and domestic front. Your prestige may be increased now. You may start new innovations in business. Disputes with your spouse should be resolved now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel better and situations will be under control. Your network can help you on the work front. You may plan for overseas travel. This is a good time to increase domestic harmony and improve your love life. You may bring some artefacts or creative items for your family. You could also plan to watch a movie or go out with friends or family.

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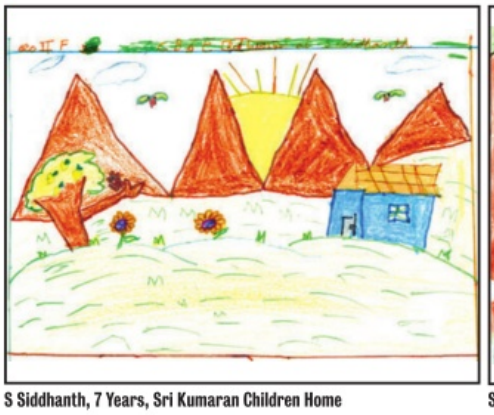

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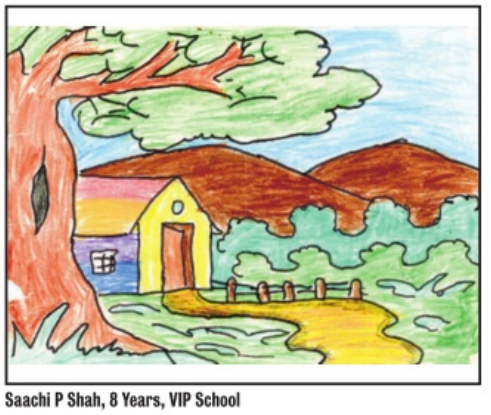

Saachi P Shah, 8 Years, VIP School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M 26÷9 = 4

BULL'S EYE
AFFRONT, font, front, rant, roan, torn

QUOTE UNCODE
There is no such uncertainty as a sure thing.

MENSA PUZZLE
Numbers 1, 5 or 17

FAST FIVE

R	A	K	K	E
E	R	O	S	E
B	A	T	T	S
E	B	O	O	K
G	A	W	P	S

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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RIDDLER The word "Exit". Explanation Line 1: "My head and tail together" refers to the letters "E" and "T". When combined, they make "ET" which means "extraterrestrial", or a being originating from a place other than the earth, or "from a distant home". Line 2: "My middle" refers to "XI", or the number eleven in Roman numerals, used "in ancient Rome". This is a "prime number". Line 3: "My first half" refers to "EX", which when used as a prefix indicates a former title, status, etc., i.e. when it is prefixed it makes "something" "used to be". Line 4: "My second half" refers to "IT", which is an abbreviation for "information technology", The IT department makes your "laptop virus-free" when you call them at your place of work.

SUDOKU

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3	4	8	7	2	9	1	5	6
2	1	5	8	3	6	9	4	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Oh, Hod, Shod, Holds, Dholes, Beholds.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 × 2 + 1 − 4 = 15
Medium
8 − 3 − 2 × 4 = 12
Hard
9 + 3 − 1 + 6 = 17

LOOP

KAKURO

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'Vikram is fine, didn't have a heart attack'

Stating that actor Vikram was doing fine, his manager Suriyanarayanan on Friday clarified that the actor had not suffered a heart attack, but was treated for mild chest discomfort

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POWER AND SENSUALITY

RGV explains how he zeroed in on Pooja as female lead for martial arts film

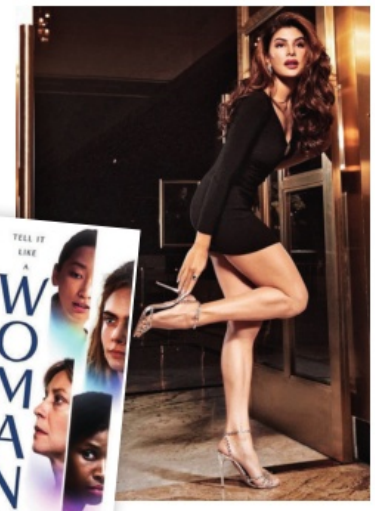
When Ram Gopal Varma decided to make a film on martial arts, he wanted to centre it around a female protagonist. His search to find a girl for Ladki: Enter The Girl Dragon, who can act as well as do martial arts led him to Pooja Bhalekar. Talking about how the newbie came on board, RGV said, "Someone suggested her name and so I decided to meet her. On the first day she came with her father. I was impressed seeing her demonstration. She is as obsessed with Bruce Lee as I am. I wanted to shoot action sequences where the actor can do the stunts herself and was a pro at martial arts and its style of fights. Pooja has been doing martial arts since she was 12 and for this film the two of us have designed the fight sequences."

RGV says that Pooja's physique adds on to her character and looks perfect on screen. He says, "Pooja has the most perfect body that I have ever seen. And then she has the strength to fight, which is the most unique thing I have ever seen. So, I found a combination of power and sensuality in her."

Considering she hails from a conservative family, the filmmaker took time to brief her. He shares, "I wanted her to fight wearing a bikini. Imagine a girl in a bikini on a beach fighting men. Isn't that a visual spectacle? It's the most arresting thing one can see. If you do it with conviction, with the right expressions then it doesn't look vulgar, but artistic. I was very particular about that during the shoot."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Jacqueline in Hollywood



Bollywood diva Jacqueline Fernandez has shared the first poster of her latest Hollywood film, 'Tell It Like a Woman'.

"So proud to be part of this extraordinary effort by the entire team of Tell it like a Woman. An anthology directed by 8 Female directors from different parts of the world... Thank you for making me a part of this really special journey. And Thank you so much to my producers... who are the engine behind this incredible film! Can't wait for you all to see it," captioned Jacqueline on Instagram.

'Tell It Like a Woman', consists of an ensemble cast of Margherita Buy, Eva Longoria, Cara Delevingne, Anne Watanabe, Jennifer Hudson, Marcia Gay Harden, and our very own Bollywood celeb, Jacqueline Fernandez to name a few. The feature-length film is directed by "eight" female directors and is divided into seven distinct segments having unique titles, reported Deadline.

According to one of the producers, Andrea Iervolino, 'Tell It Like A Woman' is a "uniquely

Doppelganger alert

Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has a doppleganger in Mahlagha Jaberi and fans on social media can't stop talking about the uncanny resemblance between the two.

Aishwarya's lookalike is identified as the 33-years-old Iranian-American fashion model who is based out of California. She is also a sensation on Instagram where she has a following of 4.1 million.

Jaberi has walked the red carpet at Cannes film festival in 2021 and 2022 and has also been a part of several fashion celebrations.

Aishwarya is the winner of Miss World 1994 pageant. She is known for her work in Hindi and Tamil films. In her two-decade-long journey in acting business, Aishwarya has received numerous accolades, including the Padma Shri in 2009 and the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Government of France in 2012. **— ANI**

Sugarless: A hilarious treat

SUGARLESS
3.5 RATING ★★★½☆
- **DIRECTOR** KM Shashidhar
- **ACTORS** Pruthvi Ambar, Priyanka Thimmesh, Padmaja Rao, Dharmanna Kadur, S Narayan
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 137 minutes

The speciality of Sugarless is that it attempts to create awareness about the ill-effects of diabetes and how to control it. This movie conveys the much-needed message to the youth of how important it is for them to develop good food habits and stop craving for unhealthy food and sugar.

The movie begins with Venkatesh or Venky (Pruthvi Ambar), from Sunkadakatte with an easy-going life. Venky was found unconscious at a traffic junction in the city and was admitted to the hospital. He was diagnosed with diabetes. The doctor played by S Narayan advises Venky to avoid sugar and junk food. The doctor insists on having a disciplined life.

Meanwhile, the director narrates, through a flashback, how Venky used to lead a carefree life and how he used to crave junk food and consume too much alcohol. He also narrates how Venky joined a real estate firm and how he fell in love with his colleague Mahalakshmi (Priyanka Thimmesh). He marries her without informing her that he is a diabetic. Finally, she comes to know about it. What happens to Venky is the climax.

Director KM Shashidhar deserves appreciation for not only selecting the right subject but also aptly narrating it to create awareness about diabetes. The positive element of this movie is that it narrates how diabetics can lead a healthy life like others provided good and healthy food habits.

Pruthvi Ambar is at his best. It is pleasant and nice to see him improving his acting skills from one movie to another. His performance in a scene, where he struggles a lot to hide his health condition (diabetes), is a treat to watch. His futile attempts to control talkative colleague and roommate Dharmanna Kadur make audiences giggle. Priyanka Thimmesh looks cute and beautiful but her role in this movie is brief.

Among other actors in the movie, Dharmanna Kadur deserves appreciation. His dialogues and performance add value to this movie. HG Dattatreya, as a father neglected by his children, has acted well. Naveen Padil, as a pessimist, Honnavalli Krishna, as a deaf father of a bride, and veteran director-cum-artiste S Narayan, as a doctor, have provided good support.

It is worth a watch for all and especially for those suffering from diabetes.

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